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LOCAL NEWS.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

—Frank St. Seneca, who had been at the hospital for three months, was taken to Tewksbury Saturday by Officer Thrall.

—The Ministerial association formed yesterday embraces this city, Adams and Williamstown and has a membership of about twenty.

—Owing to the absence of the chairman and some of the members, there will be no meeting of the Tuesday evening institute to night.

—At the annual meeting of St. John's parish last night these officers were elected: Wardens, C. H. Read, W. A. Gallup; vestrymen, F. A. Wilcoxson, John Emmott, George Hopkins, W. H. Gaylord, John Smith, D. W. Elmore, J. R. Shippendale, W. E. Benner.

—The annual meeting of the Berkshire club was held last evening and the following officers were elected: President, Dr. Wallace E. Brown; vice-president, D. A. Russell; treasurer, Dr. W. E. Brown; secretary, H. D. Rockwell; directors, G. F. Miller, T. W. Skyles, Dr. W. E. Brown, D. A. Russell, Dr. D. R. Dewey, F. B. Locke and Dr. G. W. Dox.

By Telegraph

5.00 O'CLOCK.

AT WASHINGTON.

An Amendment to Limit the Veto Power of the President.

THE CABINET IN DANGER

OF CATCHING THE MEASLES FROM BABY ESTHER CLEVELAND POSTPONE ITS MEETINGS INDEFINITELY.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]
WASHINGTON, April 7.—Senator Butler, populist of North Carolina today introduced a joint resolution in the senate for an amendment to the constitution looking to limiting the veto power of the President. He would make it possible for the two houses to pass a measure over the President's veto by a majority instead of a two-thirds vote, and he says that the idea of a two-thirds vote was originally adopted in the constitution because the people at that time were still clinging to English ideas.

Senator Teller presented a petition from the Federation of Labor asking for the restoration of the free coinage of silver and expressing the opinion that it would promote prosperity.

The cabinet meetings have been indefinitely postponed because of the fear that baby Esther Cleveland's measles might spread among the families of members of the cabinet.

The senate concurrent Cuban resolutions were delivered to private secretary Thurber this morning and later in the day will probably be delivered to the state department to be printed.

Senator Call gave notice of a Cuban resolution discussion for tomorrow morning. The Post Office appropriations were taken up and Senators Vilas and Allen have had some little talk over them in which the former senator accused the latter of being "as usual incorrect and not seeing that he was" and in which Allen characterized Vilas' remarks as a "Fourth of July effort."

In the House the conference report over the bill creating the public library at Washington has been under discussion part of the day, the question being whether the district shall bear all or half the expense.

WOULD NOT STRIKE.

Street Railway Men Refuse to Leave Their Work and Tie up Their Lines.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]
BUFFALO, April 7.—An attempt was made this morning to induce the motor men and conductors of all the street car lines in the city to stop work and refuse to start the cars. A committee of strikers from the union went to every barn of the street car lines but only those affiliated with the organization obeyed the demands.

Instead of all the lines being tied up only a few cars were affected. The men who struck did so reluctantly and evidently their only reason for doing so was to demonstrate the strength of their organization. The demonstration is regarded as a failure, the agitators having been unable to mislead any important number of men.

THE ENDEAVORERS.

The International Christian Endeavor Convention to be Held in July at Washington.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]
WASHINGTON, April 7.—The outline program of the fifteenth international Christian Endeavor convention, to be held in Washington during the week from July 8th to 15th, is announced today. It is expected that 60,000 persons will attend. Twenty-two meetings will be held in twenty-two of the largest churches in the city. The formal opening will occur on Thursday morning, July 9th, in three great tents to be pitched south of the White House, having a capacity of 10,000 each, including a chorus choir of 1,000.

In the afternoon there will be thirty denominational rallies. The topic of consideration in the evening will be "Christian Citizenship," and for Friday evening "Saved to Serve." Saturday will be "Out door day" with services at 9:30

at the Washington Monument and a march to the Capitol where addresses will be delivered from the steps.

On Sunday the 12th appropriate service will be held in the different churches. On Monday the World's C. E. Union, which was organized in Boston last year, will hold its first annual convention. In the afternoon of that day and on the following two days a number of excursions will be enjoyed. The formal exercises will probably close Monday evening with consecration services.

FIRE IN YONKERS.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]
YONKERS, N. Y., April 7.—A fire early this morning destroyed fourteen buildings in Yonkers. The loss is estimated at about \$100,000, which is thought to be fairly well covered by insurance. The cause of the fire is unknown.

ON HER TRIAL TRIP.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]
NEW LONDON, Conn., April 7.—The U. S. steam ram Kathadin left this port this morning on its trial trip. After a twelve hour run it is to return to New London, and if the first test is satisfactory a different test is to be made. She has on board members of the naval board and representatives of the associated press.

THE PEARL BRYAN CASE.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]
NEWPORT, Ky., April 7.—Scott Jackson, the alleged murderer of Pearl Bryan, was before Judge Helm today for trial. The hearing was postponed to April 21st.

HORSES BURNED.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]
FANKLIN, Mass., April 7.—The Franklin house barn and entire contents with the adjoining livery stable of Frank Woolford were destroyed by fire this morning. Loss about \$10,000 partly insured. Fourteen horses burned.

FINANCIAL.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]
NEW YORK, April 7.—Dullness prevailed from the start, and though London gave evidence of a better feeling after their holiday, prices in London were nearly the same as our closing figures. Sugar opened 118 5/8, rallied to 119 1/4 and was the strongest of the industrials. Tobacco opened at 57 3/4, rallied to 58 1/4 and 58 3/4.

The grangers were dull but strong. Louisville and Nashville opened at 49 3/8, rallied to 49 7/8 selling but orders from London carried it back to 49 1/4. It was a traders market, and the stocks that they sold this forenoon they are now buying back. There was only 950,000 shares traded in up to noon so perfect force of range of stocks was narrow.

Interest seems to be centered on the wheat market. New York prices are up about two cents, while they have had a good substantial rally on the curb. It is expected that the Chicago market will open up in good shape tomorrow.

Cotton was dull but very firm and prices were well maintained throughout the day.

New York Market.
[Closing Quotations, 3 p. m.]
Received through the office of A. M. Tinker, Room 3, Blackinton block. Estimates orders for stocks and bonds, deals upon New York Stock Exchange for cash or on margin. Private telephone 76.

American Cotton Oil	119 1/4
American Sugar	118 5/8
American Tobacco	57 3/4
B. & O.	49 1/4
Canada Southern	49 1/4
Central of New Jersey	49 1/4
Cheapeake & Ohio	16 1/8
Hocking Valley	102 5/8
Chicago & Northwestern	58 3/8
C. B. & Q.	61 1/8
Chicago Gas	33 1/2
St. Paul	71 1/2
Rock Island	71 1/2
Chicago & N. W.	78 3/4
C. C. & St. L.	32 1/2
Con. Gas	102 1/2
Del. & H.	129 5/8
Del. & L. W.	37 1/2
Dix. & C. Feed	27 1/4
Ill. Cent.	49 1/2
Lake Shore	108 3/8
N. E. & T. C. Ry.	27 1/4
N. K. & T. Pres.	24 1/4
Missouri Pacific	24 1/4
National Lead	9 1/8
New England	14 1/4
N. Y. Central	22 3/4
Erie	11 1/2
Ont. & West.	20 1/2
N. Y. Sus. & W. common	9 1/8
prel.	22 3/4
No. Pacific pref.	11 1/2
Pacific Mail	20 1/2
Pub. & Reading	9 1/8
Pullman	29 1/2
Southern Railway common	29 1/2
Ten. Coal & Iron	30 1/4
Texas Pacific	9
Union Pacific	27 1/4
U. S. Rubber	27 1/4
U. S. Leather common	6 1/4
prel.	18 1/2
Western Union	84 5/8
Wheeling & Lake Erie	9 7/8

Chicago Markets.
Wheat—May 80 3/4, July 61 1/4.
Corn—May 30 1/2, July 20 1/4, Sept. 19 1/4.
Oats—May 20 1/2, July 19 1/4, Sept. 18 1/4.
Pork—May 8 1/2, July 8 1/2.
Lard—May 5 1/2, July 5 1/2.
Cotton, 7.65, 7.65.

LOCAL NEWS.

R. De Los Canedy, now studying medicine in New York city, is enjoying exceptional advantages at the present time under some of the leading specialists of that city on the eye, ear, nose and throat. He is connected with the ophthalmic and aurist institute on Twelfth street, and his friends will learn of his success and good fortune in his studies with much pleasure.

MAGNIFICENT GIFT

To the City of North Adams by Mayor Houghton Last Night.

SANFORD BLACKINTON RESIDENCE.

To be Used as a Public Library. A Memorial of Andrew Jackson Houghton. Presentation Made Last Night. The Details in Full.

The city of North Adams received a magnificent gift last night at the hands of Mayor Albert C. Houghton, it being nothing less than the Sanford Blackinton residence at the corner of Church and East Main streets, which is presented to the city as a memorial to Mayor Houghton's brother, Andrew Jackson Houghton of Boston, who died four years ago. Mr. Houghton purchased the property soon after the death of Mrs. Sanford Blackinton a few months since, and while there had been more or less speculation as to what disposition he would make of it, nothing was known of Mr. Houghton's plans until last night, when they were revealed as a happy surprise to the city council at its regular meeting.

After the transaction of regular business Councilman Wilkinson, who was serving as president pro tem, announced that he had received a personal communication from the mayor to be submitted to the council. The communication was thereupon read to the council by Clerk Brooker, as follows:

The Communication.
CITY HALL, Apr. 6, 1896.
MY DEAR MR. WILKINSON:—Sixty-seven years ago, in the old homestead up in the valley of Stamford, Vt., my beloved brother, Andrew Jackson Houghton, was born.

His early life was quiet and uneventful. His school days were passed at old Drury academy and many of the older citizens of this city were his school-mates.

His business in later years called him away from these hills to crowded streets and busy marts, but the scenes of his early life and the friends of his youth were never forgotten.

He was a man of simple tastes, plain in dress, of a sunny disposition, and had a warm and tender heart. A successful business career did not turn his head nor make him proud or arrogant. He died as he had lived, gentle, without guile, and a staunch and true friend.

As the years went by he turned with increased affection towards his old home and his old friends of this city. With each successive visit he would inquire for each acquaintance by name and ask about their affairs.

I feel that I can best honor his memory and carry out his wishes by giving to the inhabitants of this city the title deed of the Blackinton residence as a memorial to him, Andrew Jackson Houghton, to be used solely for a public library and reading and historical rooms.

May I ask you to present this matter to the city council for their consideration?

I hope that this building will be accepted in the spirit in which it is given, and that it will be forever kept and maintained by our citizens and their descendants for the purpose I have mentioned, and that it may serve to stimulate us all to work together with heart and hand for the welfare, prosperity and common good of our community.

Sincerely and cordially yours,
ALBERT C. HOUGHTON.
E. S. Wilkinson, Esq., councillor,
North Adams, Mass.

The Gift Accepted.

At the conclusion of the reading Councilman Whitaker arose and said that words failed to express his feelings in view of this splendid gift to the city. He remembered when he was on the library board some years ago the unfavorable conditions that had to be contended with, and how earnest was the wish that at some time the library might be suitably provided for by some public-spirited citizen. Now the time had come when this dream was to be realized, and he hoped the gift would be accepted in the spirit in which it had been tendered, and that in its maintenance and management the same business principles which have characterized the donor would be observed. Mr. Whitaker moved that the council accept the gift and appoint a committee of three to draft suitable resolutions to be engrossed on the records of the council, and copies to be sent to Mayor Houghton and to the widow of Andrew J. Houghton.

Councilman Butterworth moved that this be done by a rising vote and all of the members arose.

Councilman V. A. Whitaker, John A. Rice and C. H. Cutting were selected as the committee on resolutions.

Deed of the Property.

Know all men by these presents that I, Albert C. Houghton, of the city of North Adams, in the county of Berkshire, Massachusetts, in consideration of One Dollar paid by The Inhabitants of the City of North Adams, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said Inhabitants of the City of North Adams, that certain parcel or parcel of land recently sold to Charles H. Cutting, (thence running southerly on a stone wall on line of land recently sold by me to said Cutting, to line of said Dr. J. H. A. Maie, thence running westerly on line of land of said Maie to Church street, thence running northerly along the line of Church street to the line of East Main street, thence running easterly on line of East Main street to the place of beginning.

To have and to hold the granted premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, to the said Inhabitants of the City of North Adams and their successors and assigns, to be their own use and behoof forever.

And I hereby for myself and my heirs, executors and administrators, covenant with the grantee and their heirs and assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee-simple of the granted premises, that they are free from all incumbrances, that I have good right to sell and convey the same as aforesaid; and that I will and my heirs, executors and administrators shall warrant and defend the same to the grantee, and their successors and assigns forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

And for the consideration aforesaid I, Cordelia J. Houghton, wife of the said Albert C. Houghton, do hereby release unto the said grantee and their successors and assigns all right of or to both dower and homestead in the granted premises.

In witness whereof we, the said Albert C. Houghton and Cordelia J. Houghton, hereunto set our hands and seals this sixth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

Albert C. Houghton, Cordelia J. Houghton Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of W. A. Gallup.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Berkshire, ss., April 6th, 1896. Then personally appeared the above named Albert C. Houghton and acknowledges the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed before me.

WM. ARTHUR GALLUP,
Justice of the Peace.

Andrew Jackson Houghton.

Andrew Jackson Houghton, to whom this valuable and appreciated gift is to stand as a memorial, was in business in this city before the war. He kept the store in the Union and lived on the corner of Union and Eagle streets in the brick house that now stands on Union street and is used as the home of the Sisters of St. Joseph. He was a friendly, thorough-going and straightforward man and was highly esteemed by the community, with which, as stated above, he maintained the friendliest relations to the close of his life. He located in Boston over thirty years ago and achieved an honorable distinction in the business circles of that city.

The Property.

The property which thus comes into possession of the inhabitants of North Adams is one of the finest in the city. The location is unsurpassed, the lot is spacious and the house is a large pressed-brick structure, built and finished in the most thorough manner throughout. It was erected about the year 1870 by the late Sanford Blackinton, a successful manufacturer, at a cost of about \$75,000. Owing to the size of the rooms it can be fitted for its future use at small expense, and the library will, doubtless, be moved into it at an early date.

A NORTH ADAMS ARTIST.

H. Siddons Mowbray as a Colorist and Narrator on Canvas.

In its April number, the New England Magazine has an exceedingly interesting illustrated article on American artists entitled "Later American Masters." It gives a very original picture of H. Siddons Mowbray formerly of this city now of New York, representing him in a lounging pose in his work before the easel and speaks of him as follows:

"In H. Siddons Mowbray we have a colorist and a man of imagination, a wonderful narrator of fanciful tales, with ample knowledge and manual skill in the practice of his craft. Without further comment upon his abilities, let us try to discover what there is in his pictures. He paints, we will say, for instance, a scene in an Oriental harem—painted, of course, from imagination. In this picture he is able to interpret the feelings of a new arrival—a sweet young girl, fresh and pretty—who is the evident object of the spiteful jealousy and venomous hate of the other wives; and he does this so well that the emotions of the harem are quite vividly laid bare to outside scrutiny.

He paints a group of fairies floating over the meadows, and his fancy seems clothed with the impalpable textures of the rose leaf and the cobweb. In his color there is a sensuous sentiment, a refinement that is well-nigh voluptuous, and it hints at the azure and violet hues of fluttering insects' wings under the last pink rays of the setting sun. Linked with his strong love for the beautiful and the delicate and the dainty there is a complete conception of incident which is certain to make his pictures interesting.

In fine, Mowbray is one of the few American painters who give us the visible realization of dreams, fantastic and sprightly tales of the wonder-world, in a gay and appetizing gamut of novel tones vouchsafed to few."

G. A. R. CONCERT.

A Pleading Entertainment at the Congregational Church Last Night.

The concert given last evening in the Congregational church under the direction of Prof. George A. Metzke, for the benefit of the G. A. R., though not largely attended, was a most enjoyable one in every respect. The congregational choir was assisted by Miss Grace Tuttle, soprano, of New York; C. W. Bennett, tenor, of Bennington, Vt.; A. Carrier and the Universalist church quartet of this city.

The piano solos rendered by Mr. Carrier were warmly received and he was obliged to respond to encores after each appearance. Mr. Miles was without doubt the star of the evening. He has a powerful and rich bass voice, and was obliged after each number to respond.

Miss Grace Tuttle sang with much expression and her rendition of the little song, "In the Woods," by Mae Dowell was very sweet and expressive. Mr. Bennett of Bennington has sung before North Adams audiences on previous occasions and his pleasing voice is well known here.

Prof. Metzke has a right to be proud of his vocalists, and the patriotic cantata, "Columbia" which was composed by him, was very well given. Financially, the concert was not so much of a success as had been hoped for.

Miss Mabel Walton of Church place is home from Philadelphia. She will return Thursday.

THE POLICE FORCE.

Appointments by the Mayor Communicated to the Council Last Night.

BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS.

Mayor Houghton's Admirable Charge to the new Officers. Their Duty and His Support. A Report of the Routine Acts of the Council.

A regular meeting of the city council was held last night and gave some surprises of considerable magnitude. In the absence of President John Bracewell the council was called to order by V. A. Whitaker. E. S. Wilkinson was chosen president pro tem.

Police Business.

The first business was the report of the chief engineer of the fire department which was read and accepted. It covered the calls and fires since the beginning of the municipal year. Mr. Whitaker reported for the committee on printing, stating that the matter of printing the mayor's inaugural had been done and that copies were ready for distribution among the members and for sending out to town.

The committee's report was accepted and its work praised. The license committee reported inexpedient with reference to the request for privilege to establish boot-blacking stalls on State street. The reports of the committees on ordinances and licenses regarding the minor license ordinance was accepted and the ordinance was passed to be ordained.

On the motion of several councilmen the provisions of a number of chapters of the acts of the legislature giving authority to the board of health and having reference to plumbing were introduced about plumbing. The city clerk was made ex-officio keeper of the city seal.

At this point the mayor's communication to Mr. Wilkinson regarding the gift of the Blackinton mansion to the city was heard and acted upon. After that communications were received from the mayor which were announcements of appointments. The appointments are:

The License Commission.
License commissioners: C. W. Dennett, chairman, term of service from April 6, 1896 to April 6, 1898; W. H. Gaylord, term of service from April 6, 1898 to April 6, 1900; Charles E. Winch

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"WE HOLD THE WESTERN GATEWAY."

From the Seal of North Adams.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 7, '96.

MR. HOUGHTON'S GIFT TO THE CITY.

The city council last evening accepted on behalf of the city of North Adams the most generous and liberal public gift ever made by a single citizen of Berkshire.

When the council by a rising vote had accepted the gift of the Blackinton property for the purposes of a free public library, and Mr. Wilkinson, acting president of the council, held the deed of the Blackinton property, without conditions or reservations, made over to the city of North Adams by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Houghton, Berkshire's new city possessed a gift of inestimable value; a gift which will not only prove to be one of its most beautiful ornaments but one of its most powerful influences for good.

The property devoted to the city is given as a memorial of A. J. Houghton, a mark of a brother's affection and the token of a brother's remembrance. Two strong men, both born in the tributary town of Stamford, and, fortunately for North Adams, with manhood's larger years coming naturally to shape their fortunes and lend their splendid aid, though not in the same degree, to the thrift and success of this prosperous town, have strongly and honorably linked their names for all time with the history of North Adams and Berkshire. The brother now left, our foremost citizen and mayor, as a private citizen, has modestly given this magnificent memorial gift which makes the heart of every true friend and good citizen of North Adams thankful indeed that Albert C. Houghton came down from the Stamford hills with his youthful manhood and clear-headed business courage to be such a friend and citizen of North Adams as he has always been and is today.

To extend the benefits of a commodious and well-equipped free library, is as unnecessary as to commend the beneficial influence of the public schools. The one is the ally of the other, and the true worth and intended benefits of the gift is known to every man, woman and child who knows who to read.

To say that the new library is a timely gift and will meet a pressing need, is only to repeat the evidence of the present crowded library rooms and the constantly increasing use of them.

To praise the generosity of the donor of this gift at this time, or to point out in laudatory terms his public spirit and this latest evidence of his regard for the best and highest interests of this city, would only be to repeat what every man knows who has contemplated the energetic, straightforward and generous career of A. C. Houghton in North Adams. It is indeed hard to refrain from speaking of this splendid gift without a glow of enthusiastic praise of the giver. But the deed tells, and that is enough.

With this gift as a sign of our new city's widening life and broadening tendencies, the people of North Adams can read again, with a certainty of their truth and an added reason for their hopefulness, the opening words of the inaugural address of our first mayor and liberal fellow citizen:—

"This is an auspicious occasion. From the height of civic organization which we now occupy, our eyes turn toward an inviting future and command a promising and pleasing prospect of municipal prosperity. We today enter upon a new and important stage of municipal development, animated and inspired by a feeling of hopefulness, which, reckoning upon resources already tried and not found wanting, bases its expectancy for the future upon the experiences of the past."

THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS.

Last evening Mayor Houghton made known to the city council his appointments for a list of officers, which have been awaited by the public with much interest.

This interest largely centered in the license commissioners and members of the police force.

The license commissioners, C. W. Dennett, W. H. Gaylord and C. E. Winchell, are names that will meet with hearty approval, we believe. The chairman, C. W. Dennett, is a pronounced temperance man with practical temperance ideas and good judgment. He can be counted on to see, so far as he is able, that the license law is enforced, and that violators of the license law suffer. W. H. Gaylord and C. E. Winchell are men of such judgment and integrity and fairness that their appointments at once commend themselves.

Of the appointments to the police force—not all re-appointments, it is to be said that a "shake-up" was generally expected, and was quite as generally demanded. The new police force is now organized, for the next six months at least, according to the best judgment of Mayor Houghton. He was intrusted by the people to exercise that judgment, and the warrant that the appointments are good ones lies in Mr. Houghton's recognized ability of choosing and organizing men.

The other appointments seem to have been made with a careful regard to the special fitness and experience of those chosen.

The North Adams public can heartily and honestly endorse the mayor's appointments made without regard to politics or personal favor. They are clean and non-partisan, and now that the city's list of officers is full let us trust that the new city government will go on as well and smoothly as it has thus far, and with perhaps the added energy of new blood.

OPENING THE HOUGHTON MEMORIAL BUILDING.

Our citizens feel today that they cannot give fitting expression to their sincere feelings of gratitude for the superb gift that has been made to them in the most simple and modest way that it was possible for such a presentation to be made.

They can hardly realize yet that the magnificent piece of property and land, so long standing in the very heart of the city, in the near and appropriate companionship of our churches of all denominations and the greatest of our public schools, has suddenly without any effort on their part become the citizens own property, as much the property of one man or woman as another and to be devoted perpetually to their free and common use.

But our people will feel that they must give some expression of their appreciation; an appreciation that in this community is sure to reach a high pitch of enthusiasm though the manifested enthusiasm will not equal the deep sincerity of their gratitude.

What more fitting thing could be done than to have the first opening of the Houghton Memorial Building and invited to an evening when our citizens could meet informally in the handsome and commodious rooms and while becoming acquainted with their rich gift have an opportunity of expressing, in a measure, their appreciation of it in a public way?

The exercises should be of a simple rather than an ostentatious character, including perhaps appropriate addresses and music. We suggest that the library committee cooperating with the board of trade could perhaps arrange for such opening exercises quite as well and appropriately as could any of our officials or citizens. The Transcript believes our people will be eager to see such an event arranged for and it also believes that the board of trade knows how to handle such a matter in excellent taste. Will it take the idea into prompt consideration?

From the appointments made last night by the mayor, the promise of a non-partisan, business administration of the city government may be set down as fulfilled.

One good thing—the new police force is now organized and the disorganizing tendency of uncertainty is at an end. Mayor Houghton's advice to the police, to be found in another column of this paper, might well be printed in bold type, framed and hung up in every police headquarters in the country. It is a model piece of advice for all police officers.

License at Adams by a surprising majority! We are disappointed, as must be all our friends of temperance in this vicinity. But this is a country where majority rule, and if a majority of the people in Adams are license people, then license should prevail. We are disappointed in the failure of the temperance sentiment. But all honor to the earnest workers in its cause at Adams!

Greenfield too has declared for license again.

To the good health of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Harrison.

THE EDITOR'S SHEARS.

FOR TODAY.

WHERE THE WISE IMMORTALS ARE.

You who will follow when I am sped, Think how, beyond the remotest star, Though in derision men call me dead, I live where the wise immortals are.

Think of the long and dreary night, Prolonged nature bestowed on me; Diamond days and the pearly nights, Kiss of the wind and song of the sea.

Must on the deep-breathed joy of my youth, On battles and journeys and love's warm kiss, Life, life, infinite life and the truth Of art to fill and deepen my bliss.

What are these scribes who mock at life? Who crawl to Death like a slave to his bed? Ho, I have lived and joyed in strife! Ho, I have loved when the daffodils were red!

Splendor of senses touched and thrilled; Glory of soul that hath found its own; Heart with ecstatic longings filled— These in their greatness I have known!

You too shall know them one by one, If you but turn the veil from your eyes; Shall joy in life when you find it done, And welcome death as a glad surprise.

—EDWARD KING.

Mr. Irish, a prominent lawyer of New York city, with his wife returned yesterday to their home after a few days' visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Hunter on Quincy street.

Frank E. Curtis has moved from 22 Meadow street to 39 Quincy street.

Miss Vina Sincere of Fitchburg and Misses Rose and Nellie O'Neill of Shelburne Falls were among those who attended the benefit ball last night.

Mrs. Robert Patton of Brown street, who has been seriously ill at the hospital, is convalescent and expects to return to her home in a few days.

George Harper returned today to his home in Albany, N. Y., after a few days' visit with his cousin, the Misses Harper of Blackinton street.

BENEFIT BALL.

Social and Financial Success

Achieved by the Railroad Men.

A HAPPY EVENT LAST NIGHT.

Odd Fellows' Hall the Scene of the Gathering. Good Music and a Jolly Company. Excellent Concert Program. Gratifying Financial Result.

Though the attendance was not large, the Fitchburg railroad men have reason to be proud of the success they made of the benefit concert and ball given at Odd Fellows' hall last night.

The entertainment was for the benefit of T. J. Kennedy of Shelburne Falls, a railroad man who lost both legs by an accident in the Williamsstown yards last fall, and who is now confined to a bed.

The projectors worked so earnestly and met with such hearty co-operation on the part of their fellow workmen and the officials of the road that success was assured from the start.

Music was furnished gratuitously by the Shelburne Falls orchestra, ten pieces, C. L. Brigham, leader, and M. W. Mehan, prompter. Before the dancing began the orchestra rendered in admirable style the following:

CONCERT PROGRAM.

March—"Under the Double Eagle," P. Wagner.

Overture—"King of Diamonds," Levalle.

March—"In the Twilight," M. W. Mehan.

Characteristic Piece—"Love's Conflict," Tobin.

Overture—"On Broadway," Michaelis.

Finale—"At the Fair," Burdick.

At the conclusion of the concert came the grand march, led by H. W. Fish of Shelburne Falls and his sister, Mrs. H. B. Bond of Hartford, Conn. There were upwards of forty couples in the line. The dance program contained twenty-four numbers and it was about 3 o'clock when the list was finished.

The tired but happy dancers separated for their happy homes, well pleased with every feature of the entertainment and happy in the consciousness of having contributed to the comfort of an unfortunate and deserving fellow man.

The affair was managed in a very creditable way. The expenses were small and were covered by the advertising on the published program. About 400 tickets were sold at \$1 each, and therefore the net profits can be easily computed. This is a handsome present for Mr. Kennedy, who sincerely appreciates the hearty good will that prompted the enterprise and carried it to such a successful conclusion.

The floor manager was H. W. Fish of Shelburne Falls, who was assisted by these aids: A. C. Wilcox, Farwell Booker, Samuel Oates, L. H. Cramer, E. B. Elmore, E. Arboy, S. A. Reynolds, T. Bartley and J. F. Jones. George Lester was manager and treasurer.

A large number of those present were out-of-town people many being from Shelburne Falls, from which point the Fitchburg railroad made half-fare rates.

The music and prompting were excellent and all the railroad men fully appreciate the generosity of the orchestra in giving its services.

KIND WORDS TO OUR MAYOR.

Appreciation of the Man Whose Splendid Gift Has Again Emphasized His Liberality.

EDITOR TRANSCRIPT:—The magnificent gift of Mayor Houghton to the citizens of North Adams is characteristic of the man.

It is true that Andrew J. Houghton well deserved such a memorial. He was one of the kindest, heartiest, unselfish, truest and gentlest of men. If he ever had an enemy he never knew who he was.

But Mayor Houghton could have commemorated the memory of his brother, by erecting some testimonial to him in the city of Boston, where the name of Andrew J. Houghton was widely known, honored, respected and beloved.

To many this would have seemed the more natural course. We all remember, that one citizen of this city, who made the most of his money here, because of some fancied slight, struck out of his will a bequest of several thousand dollars to our public library and left his store to worthy objects far removed from us.

While Mayor Houghton has done more than any one man during the last twenty years to uphold and uplift this city, no one has been at times more bitterly and unjustifiably assailed in print and speech than he. But motives that influence most men fail to affect him. His invariable silence under attack does not arise from timidity, as his official acts as mayor have already demonstrated.

"The shallow murmur, but the deeps are dumb."

Those, if any there are, who attribute his beautiful and valuable gift to a desire to soften criticism or to win popular applause utterly mistake the temper and quality of the man. There is no mystery about the matter. Next to his wife, his family and his kindred, Mayor Houghton esteems his friends, his workmen, his neighbors and his fellow citizens of this city with a deep and enduring affection. He honors himself and he honors them by this princely gift.

He will be best pleased if others may be induced to follow his example.

There are many ways in which this can be done. Books can be bought for the public library and suitably inscribed, beds can be endowed in the North Adams Hospital and other beneficent public gifts can be made that will serve far better to preserve the memories of departed loved ones than shafts of dull, cold marble.

"We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths; in feelings, not in figures on a dial. We should count time by heartbeats. He most lives who thinks most, feels the noblest acts the best."

—STAMFORD.

Miss Nash of Boston is a guest at the home of E. F. Thompson on East Quincy street.

Miss Esther Hodge of Boston is a guest at the home of her brother, Edson M. Hodge, on Church street.

Miss Anna Chippendale of Boston, formerly of this city, is spending a few days at the home of her parents on East Main street.

Miss Mary MacDonald of Eagle street is visiting friends in Saratoga, N. Y.

Fitchburg Railroad.

Corrected Dec. 16, 1895.

Trains Leave North Adams going East—8:57, 12:15, 7:22, 9:55, 11:45 a. m.; 2:22, 4:40, 6:20 p. m.

Going West—7:30, 10:08 a. m.; 12:30, 1:31, 5:00, 12:00, 11:45, 6:20, 7:40 p. m.

Trains arrive from East—10:08 a. m.; 12:15, 1:24, 6:00, 12:00, 11:45, 6:20 p. m.

From West—8:57, 12:15, 7:22, 9:55, 11:45, 2:22, 4:40, 6:20 p. m.

Runs daily except Sunday.

Runs daily, Sunday included.

Sundays only.

Boston & Albany Railroad.

Trains Leave North Adams going South—4:30, 8:30 a. m.; 12:15, 5:00, 6:20 p. m.

Trains arrive from South—8:30 a. m.; 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 6:10 p. m.

Hoosac Valley Street Railway.

ADAMS LINE.

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Saturday and Sunday afternoons, leave each end at 1:30, 1:45, 2:30, 3:15, 4:45, 5:30, 6:15, 7:45, 8:30, 9:15, 10:30, 10:45 p. m.

Sunday cars will be run to suit convenience of church attendants.

WILLIAMSTOWN LINE.

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Visiting Cards, Wedding Invitations, Announcements, Monograms, Crests, etc.

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We have recently added to our Jewelry and Optical business Fine Stationery and Card Plate Engraving, Visiting Cards, Wedding Invitations, Monograms, etc. "Up-to-Date" line of Samples just in.

Prices:

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Next hundred, \$3 to \$5 less.

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Special Price on a load delivered from the car.

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WEDNESDAY APRIL 8,
—Rain or Shine—

PUBLIC AUCTION

30 Cows
and a bull at the
C. H. Berry Farm,

formerly the Ford farm, near Greylock Mills on the Williamstown road. These cows are mostly new milch cows, young and all right. They were selected by Mr. Berry last fall. This is a guarantee that they are good ones. At the same time I will also sell several

Horses

Workers and Drivers, Harnesses, heavy and light, collars.
Everything put up will be positively sold to the high dollar as on my previous sales relying on the judgment of the buyers for price.

C. A. Leach.

HARVEY A. GALLUP
BUYS,
SELLS
and EXCHANGES

Real Estate

Boland Block, N. Adams.

They all say so.

Mr. Darius Smith, druggist, 310 Mulberry street, Syracuse, N. Y., says: "I know of many cases where

Smith's Eye Water

has been of great benefit, among them a prominent clergyman. It gives satisfaction and is a good seller. It has a yellow wrap with large eye on top.

ALL DRUGGISTS, 10 CENTS.

The City CASH

GROCERY

Has no books, no book-keeper and no clerks out soliciting orders. My prices are my salesmen and my goods are sold on a small margin from the wholesale price. Goods delivered.

F. E. BENSON,
Cor. Main and Marshall Sts.

SUBURBAN NEWS.

Happenings of Interest in Our Neighbor Towns.

AT ADAMS TODAY.

James McGrath of Harvard is at home for a few days.
Miss Adna Yahnig of South Hadley Falls is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wallace L. Baker.

John L. Barker has given permission to the postal authorities to cross his land in delivering the mail directly from the depot to the back door of the post-office and vice-versa.

Dr. A. K. Boom has engaged an office in Jones' block and will move into it May 1.

The women of Trinity Methodist church will hold an apron sale at their church Wednesday afternoon and evening and supper will be served at 6 o'clock.

A private social will be held at the Hoscoe club's rooms this evening and the colored minstrels Mitchell and Carr will assist in the entertainment.

Arca Walling of this town has bought the Winslow farm at Windsor for \$2,000.

F. L. Wilder of this town, will install the new officers of Oneida lodge of Odd Fellows at North Adams this evening.

William S. Morton, justice of the peace, married H. W. Lockwood and Miss Martha Maliban, Monday evening.

Several young men from this town attended the Easter Monday ball at North Adams and several more went to the one in Pittsfield.

Company M. was inspected by Col. Clark of Springfield Monday evening.

John S. Bordieu has received a sample suit of the Lafayette band's new uniforms and an order will be placed at once for the whole company.

James T. Baker, who has sung in the Greenfield Unitarian church several Sundays, has been offered a permanent place and will probably accept.

The Democrats will hold their caucus to elect delegates to the opera house Wednesday evening.

Berkshire lodge, F. & A. M., met Monday evening.

The women of St. Mark's church served their annual Easter dinner at the parish house today.

There is every indication that the union benefit ball at the opera house Friday evening will be a great success.

The regular monthly meeting of the Alert hose company will be held this evening.

Prof. Emmon's vocal class met at the Congregational house Monday evening.

Atkinson's "Peck's Bad Boy" will be at the opera house April 14.

The Sons of Veterans met Monday evening.

There are over fifty men at work at the Zylonite plant and the place will be ready for the machinery, which will be sent at once, as soon as it arrives.

CHESHIRE.

There will be a democratic caucus on Friday evening for choosing delegates to the state and district convention.

The Franklin farm property will be sold at administrators sale April 14.

A three-year-old bull owned by T. Corlis was butchered last week that was so ferocious that it was necessary to shoot him, Geo. Campbell doing the job. His carcass dressed 1100 pounds, one of the largest animals of the kind ever butchered here.

The joint school committee of Dalton and Cheshire met yesterday at Dalton in the afternoon, and made Geo. Dean of Cheshire chairman of the board, and W. J. Simmons of Dalton secretary. It is needless to say Earl Ingalls of Dalton was chosen district superintendent of school for the ensuing year.

There were parties on the street last evening from Adams way who were celebrating with horns and cheering for the license victory at Adams.

WILLIAMSTOWN.

Special Announcement.
A. E. Hall invites the ladies of Williamstown and vicinity to visit his store this week till Saturday inclusive and witness cooking lessons conducted by Mrs. Doughty, member of the Boston Association of Teachers of Cookery. Each afternoon at three o'clock Mrs. Doughty will give a special lesson on the use of the chafing dish.

LOCAL NEWS.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.
By the Men's Sun's & Even'n'g Club for the Month of April,

The different committees of the Sunday evening club for the month of April have been chosen and are as follows: Worship Committee—H. F. Burrage, Chairman; H. E. Wetherbee, L. E. Higley, D. A. Anderson, E. A. Bond.

Music Committee—W. W. Richmond, Chairman; George A. Warren, F. William Mennot.

Printing Committee—John Martin, Chairman; Louis Chase, John A. Walden, Usher—Andrew W. Hunter, Chairman; Thomas K. Ladd, James D. Hunter, Charles W. Ford, O. C. Gardner, Roy Sykes.

Invitation Committee—Edwin Barnard, Chairman; John McIntosh, John Hewitt, W. I. Garland, Robert Robinson, Charles F. Potter, Charles H. Peich, George B. Perry, William H. Orr, Charles L. Lewis, Charles E. Ketchum, Robert Kerr, Joseph Jarvis, Arthur H. Barber, Edward B. Carpenter, J. H. Clare, W. F. Darby, J. B. Croesley, Robert Darrow, Horace A. Sherman.

Finance Committee—J. B. Temple, Chairman; F. P. Pearson, D. J. Barber, George French, William M. Daiglesh.

Membership Committee—William Gow, Chairman; James Melling, Robert Irvin, B. E. Haskins, M. H. Towler, E. G. Roan, M. J. Morrison, A. W. McDowell, Herbert Lewis, James Kennedy, William J. Hunter, Robert Gould, A. D. Andrew, J. W. Bassett, L. M. Barnes, Frank J. Barber, Robert Barnes, J. A. Danton, A. F. Davenport.

Boys brigade—Dr. T. J. Putnam, Chairman; F. S. Richardson, Frank H. Whitney, E. A. McMillan, M. E. Conch.

University Extension—J. F. Hall, Chairman; H. G. Rowe, E. A. Thompson, Tracy Potter, Alexander McDougall.

BIG TOWN MEETING.

Yesterday Was Next to the Largest Annual Meeting in Adams' History.

LICENSE BY A LARGE MAJORITY.

What Was Done With the Articles in the Warrant and the Officers Who Were Elected.

The annual town meeting at Adams Monday was next to the largest ever held 1204 votes being cast, five less than last spring.

Seven women voted for school committee.

The meeting was opened at 5 o'clock, and A. B. Mole was chosen moderator. The polls were then opened and the voting was steady all day, 700 votes being cast before noon.

The matter of appropriations, the decoration of soldiers' graves and the police force, were referred to the committee on appropriations to report April 18.

Voted to exempt firemen from poll tax. Jury list was revised and accepted.

Voted to give tax collector powers of treasurer, when soacting.

Park street, Topher bridge, Dean street free library building, and Columbia street improvements referred to the appropriation committee.

Unanimously voted to request Hoscoe Valley street railway to extend to Maple Grove.

East Benfrew school house and building of police station and lock-up, referred to the appropriation committee.

These motions also had to go before the committee.

For the minor offices there were these elections: Cemetery committee, Ezra N. Jones; field drivers, Edward Minnows, James Carpenter and John D. Haytree; town pounds, John Dudley, C. A. Sherman and John D. Haytree; measurers of wood and bark, C. F. Sayles, E. A. Thatcher and Philo F. Simmons; surveyor of lumber, George H. Holden; fence viewers, Larkin E. Dudley, Jerome N. Briggs and E. A. Thatcher; inspector of vinegar, Charles A. Waters; inspector of oil, Charles F. Sayles; sexton, James W. Carpenter; sealer of weights and measures, Charles F. Sayles; fire works, Henry J. Arnold and David Follett.

Article 19. To transact any other business thought lawful and proper when assembled. Under this article this business was done.

Elisha Burlingame moved that the selectmen be instructed to establish a grade on Commercial street running from Center street to the center of Elm street. The motion prevailed.

Mr. Burlingame moved that when the meeting adjourned it be to 1.30 p. m. on Saturday, April 18, at the Opera House, to act upon the report of the finance committee. This motion was also carried.

A motion by Oliver A. Upton, that the selectmen be instructed to establish a grade on Columbia street from Lime to the intersection with Park, was carried.

The committee began their work at 1 o'clock and had finished at 8.15. When the results were announced there was enthusiastic applause, especially at the election of George Shand and at the license vote, which was a great surprise to nearly everybody.

The candidates and their respective votes were as follows:—
Town clerk—Franklin H. B. Munson, dem. rep., 1,023.
Town treasurer—Francis E. Mole, dem. rep., 972.

Selectmen for three years—George Shand, rep., 533; John M. Burke, dem., 567.

Assessor for three years—Henry B. Burdick, dem., 460; Elvert A. Thatcher, rep., 386; John L. Barker, nom. paper, 287.

School committee for three years—Fred. R. Shaw, rep., 573; Daniel E. Thayer, dem., 503.

Library trustees for three years, two elected—Henry L. Harrington, dem. rep., 788; Charles T. Plunkett, dem. rep., 787.

Board of health for three years—Peter T. Connors, dem., 537; Leroy A. Weston, rep., 533.

Auditors, two elected—James C. Chalmers, dem. rep., 872; Harvey H. Wellington, dem. rep., 765.

Constables, three elected—Henry Brodour, rep., 697; William E. Harmon, rep., 467; Patrick H. Moriarty, dem., 443; John Ford, dem., 423; Edwin G. Ingraham, rep., 336; Duffy Gadoway, dem., 308.

License—Yes, 643; no, 538.

The appropriation committee includes: E. N. Jones, chairman of the outgoing board of selectmen; F. W. Spaulding of the assessors; Fred R. Shaw of the school committee; Dr. W. W. Hurd of the board of health; superintendent of streets, E. A. Whipple; James Renfrew, W. F. Beckwith, Charles A. Howland, W. B. Plunkett, John M. Burke, Arthur B. Daniels, Paul Scholz, George B. Adams, Elisha Burlingame and Philip Goettel.

GLEANINGS.

Professor Rice says that the female oyster deposits from 50,000,000 to 125,000,000 eggs annually.

Thirty-nine verdicts of death by starvation were brought in by London coroners' juries last year.

The best gold official in the British service is the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, who receives \$100,000 a year.

The second book ever printed in the English language was dated 1475 and entitled "The Game of Chess."

The most valuable Bible in the world belongs to a Chicago man. He bought it at the Brynton Ives sale of rare books for \$14,800.

Some gleaners of human family statistics say that a man or woman of correct proportions is six times as high as the right foot is long.

The first modern bridge in which life-size marble monuments were the famous Sublimity bridge, at Rome. It was erected in the seventh century.

The nearest approach to the north pole, that by Lockwood in 1882, was within exactly 46 1/4 miles of the great goal of all modern Arctic expeditions.

Two years ago there were supposed to be about 200 buffaloes in the Yellowstone park. The present estimate is one-quarter of that number, the others having been killed by poachers.

Milk should not be taken after a hearty meal. At that time it encounters a large quantity of hydrochloric acid and is almost instantly curdled into hard masses difficult of digestion.

OUR COTTAGE.

Our cottage has but tenants four—my wife, my son and I. And a half human shepherd dog that money could not buy.

The furniture is old and quaint, and in a rustic loom Were blent the rays of many hues that carpet every room.

But, humble though the dwelling be, there's peace and love within, and joy without no taste of city din.

And in the blessed air without no taste of city din. Let vulgar ostentation play in gilded halls its part.

Our home a palace is for me—a palace of the heart.

Although I am insured to work and tanned a russet brown, I would not cringe to any king that ever wore a crown.

And as I fill these freedom's tongs with wholesome mountain air I envy not the sons of pomp their fashionable glare.

'Tis said "fine feathers make fine birds"; if so, not such am I.

Our plumage, though not rough or coarse, is plain as plain can be.

No French modistes their ceiling ply among our rugged hills!

No to the style our modest manners with purse depleting bills.

We care not for the price of stocks, nor if they fall or rise.

And who tipped Pausanias comes not near our rustic paradise.

We have enough for all our needs, because our needs are few.

And, pitying all who false lives lead, we try to lead the true.

—W. R. Darber in New York Ledger.

PRESIDENT AND CABINET.

General Harrison Describes the Duties of the Chief Executive's Advisers.

"In all important matters the president is consulted by all the secretaries, writes the President Harrison of 'The Latest Home Journal' in an article upon 'The President's Duties.' "He is responsible for all executive action, and everything that is out of the routine resolves his attention. Every important foreign complication is usually discussed with him, and the diplomatic notes resolve his approval. The sum of this is true of each of the departments. Routine matters proceed without the knowledge or interference of the president, but if any matter of major importance arises the secretary presents it for the consideration and advice of the president. Only matters of great and general importance are referred to him. The sum of this is true of each of the departments. Routine matters proceed without the knowledge or interference of the president, but if any matter of major importance arises the secretary presents it for the consideration and advice of the president. 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